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To A Workstation

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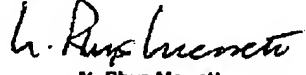
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ELECTION OF INVENTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006 requiring election between claims 12-14 (I – "method") and claims 1-11 and 15-18 (II – "apparatus"). Claims 1-11 and 15-18 are elected for examination, with traverse.

The asserted justification for the election requirement is stated in the Office Action as:

"... the apparatus is either a stand-alone workstation or a workstation in contact with a file server. The workstation can perform diverse methods materially different from the method claimed, such as word processing, numerical calculations and general computer programming."

With respect, this analysis is faulty. For example, the assertion "the apparatus is either a stand-alone workstation or . . ." is inconsistent with classification by the Examiner of claims 1-11 and 15-18 as "drawn to a computer environment with file server and workstation . . .". (Emphasis added.)

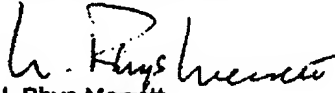
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Further, claims 1 and 7 are directed to operability of a workstation in conjunction with a file server and a file system. Claim 15 (to be interpreted under 35 USC 112, 6th paragraph), is directed to a file server, means for storing client applications and data [e.g. file system 102], and means for retrieving from the means for storing and executing the client applications. Claim 17 requires operability of a CPU "wherein said CPU requests a client application and data from an external file system on behalf of a client and executes the client application on behalf of the client". Thus, none of the "apparatus" **as claimed** in any of claims 1, 7, 15 and 17 is seen to be consistent with operation of a workstation on a "stand-alone" basis as asserted in the Office Action. Rather, operability of the "apparatus" of each of claims 1, 7, 15 and 17 **as claimed** requires transfer of "at least some software or data" (claim 1); transfer of "client applications and data" (claim 7); retrieval of "client applications and data" (claim 15); and "requests a client application and data from an external file system and executes the client application" (claim 17), and the operability **as claimed** in claims 1, 7, 15 and 17, respectively is not consistent with operation of a "stand-alone" workstation as asserted in the Office Action.

MPEP 806.05(e) states "The burden is on the examiner to provide reasonable examples that recite material differences." It is respectfully submitted the above discussion demonstrates the Examiner has failed to meet this burden because all his exemplifications are inconsistent with the claim recitations. Request is respectfully made for withdrawal for the requirement for election, and examination on the merits on the basis of all of claims 1-18.

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